IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Atty. Ref.: 4662-206

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Serial No. 10/584,285 Group: 1794

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For: PROCESS FOR MAKING HIGH-PERFORMANCE POLYETHYLENE

MULTIFILAMENT YARN

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December 19, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement advanced in the Official Action dated November 24, 2008, which set a nominal response due date of December 24, 2008, applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention defined by claim Group II, including claims 13-19 drawn to a high-performance polyethylene multifilament yarn.

The claims of Group I, III and IV drawn to patentably distinct inventions nonelected for prosecution herein have been retained in the application for the time being. However, the Examiner is authorized to cancel such non-elected claims without prejudice to the applicants' rights under 35 USC §121 in the even that the elected claims are otherwise deemed to be in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable reply on the merits of the elected claims is therefore solicited

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Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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